Of Studies

According to Francis Bacon, As the purpose of studies is to provide pleasure, ornament, and skill: Spending too much time in studies is laziness; overusing them for ornamentation is affectation; and making judgments purely based on their laws is a scholar's sense of humor. According him, studies perfect nature and are perfected by experience: for natural abilities are like natural plants, that need pruning, by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much at large, except they be bounded in by experience. We can infer from the sentence that; one can achieve success not only with knowledge but also with experiences. There are three types of men for Bacon, which are crafty men who condemn studies, simple men who admire them and wise man who use them. There are also three types of books for him too, some books are meant to be tasted, while others are meant to be swallowed, and a small few are meant to be chewed and digested. Reading makes a complete man, conference makes a prepared man, and writing makes an exact man. Also, studying history, poetry, mathematics, natural philosophy, morality, and logic and rhetoric can help a man to improve different aspects of his mind in different ways. As a result, each mental defect can have its own exclusive receipt.